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## **JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL DMC Subcommittee Minutes of Electronic Meeting**

**Origination Site:** Lucas State Office Bldg.  
321 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 208  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
February 12, 2020

**Present:** Wayne Ford\*, Chair; LaTasha DeLoach\*, Co-Chair; Kim Cheeks\*; Julie Clark-Albrecht\*; Diamond Denney; Bob Greenlee\*; Stephanie Hernandez\*; Hon. Kevin McKeever\*; Stephan Pearson\*; John Spinks\*; Miguel Trevino\*; David Tristan\*; Chris Wyatt\*

**Others:** Whitney Buchanan

**Staff:** Steve Michael; Dave Kuker; Kathy Nesteby; Julie Rinker; Reeve Neighbors

\*=Joined by phone

- **Welcome/Introductions**
- **Agenda - Additions/Amendments**

Wayne Ford called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was present. There were no changes to the agenda.

- **Minutes Approval (Vote)**

**Chris Wyatt moved to approve the minutes from the August and November meetings, seconded by Stephan Pearson. The motion was unanimously approved.**

- **CJJP Update**

Steve Michael provided the following Division update:

- A budget presentation was provided to the Justice Systems Appropriations Committee last week. The request includes a slight increase of \$18,000 to cover salary increases.
- Last year, CJJP was appropriated an additional \$140,000 which stipulated that a grant be awarded by competitive bid based upon certain population and juvenile crime criteria. Only four communities were eligible and Boys Town Iowa in Des Moines was awarded the grant. This amount was requested again this year. If appropriated, CJJP will oversee the bid process and project.
- CJJP is working with the House and Senate Judiciary Committee chairs to introduce legislation to change Iowa Code to comply with the federal Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA) regarding holds for youth under adult court (AC) jurisdiction. Effective December 2021 the JJRA requires that AC jurisdiction youth be held in juvenile detention centers

(not county jails) unless certain conditions are met. Exceptions allow jail holds for such youth if a court determines the youth is a high risk to public safety.

- SF579, if passed, would require law enforcement to collect data on non-resident aliens during each stop. Data analysis and report compilation would be conducted by CJJP. During a Senate subcommittee meeting on the bill, individuals expressed concerns regarding racial profiling and data collection.
- A work group seated last year has issued recommendations related to the transfer of oversight and administration of the Detention Home Fund from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to CJJP. CJJP is working to get the legislation introduced. The recommendations included \$20,000 for staff time.

Separately, a joint meeting with the Justice Systems and Health/Human Services Appropriations Committees will be held February 25. The purpose is to discuss the transfer of oversight and administration of certain juvenile delinquency related funding from DHS to State Court Administration (SCA).

- DHR Hill Day is February 27. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. with a meet/greet and program, followed by various commission meetings and a “lunch and learn” presentation.
- The Governor’s FOCUS group will meet in Davenport on February 26, CJJP will present justice system information and data.
- The Urban Institute and CJJP will partner to study the climate and culture of staff and inmates and identify issues at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women. This includes what’s going well, program needs, and an action plan for improvements.
- SSB3080 would provide training to school staff related to disruptive students. It creates a program and smaller classrooms for those disruptive students and provides immunity for staff involved in removing or restraining a disruptive student. Michael noted concerns with unintended consequences and disparity.

Nestebly reported that members of the Iowa Task Force for Young Women (ITFYW) were concerned with the potential impact on marginalized kids and how this approach goes against trauma-informed practices.

Ford asked about the timetable/deadline for public comment. Michael noted that the legislative ‘funnel’ is in two weeks. The legislation has passed out of subcommittee. He offered staff and data assistance for those interested in contacting their legislators. Ford will follow up with DeLoach to develop a strategy to put something together and will get buy-in from subcommittee members.

- **Update CJJ National DMC Conference**

Judge Kevin McKeever reported on his attendance at the above conference. Workshops focused on interventions, partnerships, tools/data, and strategies to achieve goals. The conference highlighted notable efforts across the country. The most successful programs were those based on strong partnerships amongst stakeholders. Pushback was more emotionally driven than data driven. He noted the importance of advocacy, educating stakeholders, and the long-term effects.

He has scheduled meetings at West High School and Mount Vernon with students and teachers. He hopes to build relationships with schools to address race and the intersection of the criminal justice system and society. Strong partnerships and education are key to success. He encouraged others to do so as well.

Ford added that he spoke at the conference on minority impact statements. A bill has been introduced to conduct minority impact on all appropriations.

- **DMC Plan Update**
  - Local Plans

Kuker reported that the DMC compliance plan and goals/objectives were developed by this Subcommittee two years ago. Within the next month, a final report on the current three-year plan, goals, and objectives will be submitted to OJJDP. This fall, another three-year plan will be developed by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council.

Kuker reviewed complaint data and local action plans for CY2020 for the current sites (Black Hawk, Des Moines, Dubuque, Johnson, Linn, Polk, Pottawattamie, Scott, Webster, and Woodbury Counties). Complaints for African American youth have increased over that past five years. CJJP will be asking these 10 counties to develop new action plans to reduce complaints for African-American youth.

Diamond Denney voiced concern on the following: working with law enforcement, the few African-American youth referred to their Second Chance program, ways to encourage legislation or buy-in from stakeholders to divert youth, and the importance of getting law enforcement and Juvenile Court Services to use the "Pre-Charge Diversion Toolkit" (Toolkit).

Kuker noted that one approach could be to encourage law enforcement and Juvenile Court Services to remove simple misdemeanors from being referred to juvenile court. CJJP staff is working with State Court Administration regarding implementation of the Toolkit. Kuker highlighted diversion efforts in Johnson County regarding certain offenses that affect African-American youth and do not necessarily relate to public safety.

DeLoach reported that efforts in Johnson County took years. She noted the importance of relationship building, community champions, training at Georgetown University. She offered assistance to Polk County.

- **Many Shades of Colour - Valera' James**

James reported that the Many Shades of Colour conference is currently full. There will be approximately 300 young women attendees and 50 mentors. The conference aims to embrace and celebrate young women and provide an open dialogue on a variety of topics from academics, to lifestyle, finances, community engagement, and more. They want girls to come away knowing that their voice matters and to utilize skills learned.

Discussion included whether multiple or larger events would be possible in the future. James noted the importance of providing opportunities for the girls to interact and identify with others. She did not think expansion was possible unless these issues were addressed.

- **Iowa Task Force for Young Women Update**
  - Planning Activities w/ ITFYW (5/1/20 Meeting)

Nestebly reported that considerable time has been spent planning for DHR day. The focus will be on meeting with legislators regarding deep-end girls. Work continues on updating the protocol publication and the launch event in conjunction with this DMC Subcommittee.

In May, the DMC and Task Force will hold a joint meeting. While the format for that meeting is still being discussed, options include discussions on the JJAC Retreat and priorities for the next three years. Nestebly suggested these groups make recommendations to the Council. Staff will work with the chairs of each subcommittee to develop an agenda.

- **Local DMC Efforts**

**Black Hawk** – Bob Greenlee reported that shootings by adults continue in Waterloo.

**Scott** – David Tristan reported that pre-charge diversion is going well—they are on the fourth year. Through collaboration with law enforcement, the program has expanded from once a month provision of services to twice a month. A young women's leadership group has been operating for a year and is led by juvenile court officers. There has been great support from judges and the community. He noted the lack of services for girls as a consistent issue.

**Woodbury** – Stephan Pearson reported that referrals have gone down.

**Mothers Against Violence (MAV)** – Reeva Neighbors reported that MAV group would like to find activities for youth in evenings. Another community forum is being planned. She will advise DMC members once a date and location have been determined.

- **Future Meeting**

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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